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## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN MEDICAL CIRCLES

**MEDICAL WORKERS LIVE TOGETHER**

A special correspondent from Voronezh reports that Vioraya Begovaya Ulitsa, a new street dedicated recently, is unique in that both sides are lined with houses belonging to workers of the Voronezh Disinfection Station. This community was started 2 years ago and was built by the medical workers themselves. The plans were drawn up by the municipal architect and the State Bank credited each family with 10,000 rubles. The homes are equipped with modern plumbing, electric lights, and loudspeakers.

**MAKE ANTI-TB VACCINE**

Authorities at the Republic Institute of Microbiology and Epidemiology, Minsk, report the manufacture of a dry, thermostable antituberculosis vaccine. Series production has been organized, and some of the first batches of vaccine have been consigned to outlying districts in the republic.

OPEN NIGHT SANATORIUM

It is reported that a night sanatorium, capable of accommodating 120 people, has been opened in the settlement of Otkryb'sk in the city of Kramatorsk for employees of the Starokramatorsk Machine-Building Factory (Imeni Ordzhonikidze).

FLYING MEDICAL SERVICE

A. Kotlyarenko, Chernovitsy, reports that the most recent improvement to medical services in Soviet Bukovina is a flying medical service which will reach every corner of the region. The planes used in this program are equipped with roentgenological equipment and are intended primarily for use in the control of tuberculosis in remote communities.

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## ALIAS SALE OF "YOUTH PRESERVERS"

P. Nevskov, a loyal party member from Rossosh', Voronezh Oblast, reports with increasing alarm the tendency of many apothecary stores to sell cosmetic ointments under the name of "apothecary cosmetics." These "youth preservers" are prepared at various apothecaries indiscriminately and frequently contain medical substances which could be better used for other purposes. Apparently there has been no official sanction for this capitalistic commerce, and it is suggested that the authorities of the Ministry of Public Health USSR investigate and act to wipe out this capitalistic practice.

## COMMUNITY BUILDING PLAN EFFECTIVE

The community building plan is growing in popularity in the USSR as the most effective method for completing important construction projects. This movement has become particularly popular in Bryansk Oblast, where 1.5 million rubles were assigned to such programs in 1949. As of 1 October 1949, 1,165,000 rubles of this budget had already been used, partly on repairs to eight rural hospitals (Utinak, Kozinsk, Akulichevsk, Vzdruzenak, Navlinsk, etc.).

Part of the Dagestan budget for community building is being used for the construction of a 15-bed hospital at the rural community of Kana-Shura. Five new obstetrical and gynecological stations are being constructed at Staromus, Volotov, and Shimsak rayons, Novgorod Oblast.

A 32-bed hospital is being built at Strugi Krasnyye, Pskov Oblast. Similar construction is going on at Kyzyl-Yulduzak and Alekseyev rayons, Tatar ASSR, Dniev Rayon in Pskov Oblast, and in Omsk Oblast.

## NEW DICTIONARIES, SAME OLD MISTAKES

Recently, M. F. Kinopovich edited a Dictionary of Medical Terminology in the Russian, Latin and Ukrainian languages. It was published by the Kiev Medical Institute. The theory behind the publishing of the book is noteworthy, but the value of the book is negligible in view of the fact that there are numerous orthographical errors and that in most cases Latin medical terms are explained without any regard for the true meaning of the word.

## BIOELECTRICITY IN NERVOUS AND MUSCULAR TRAUMATA

Prof V. V. Yefimov, Physiological Laboratory, Central Institute of Traumatology and Orthopedics, is making good practical use of bioelectricity appearing in nerves and muscles and recorded on an oscillograph. This new diagnostic method simplifies the localization and determination of the extent of damage to nerves or muscles. The use of bioelectrical recording will permit accurate evaluation of the healing processes subsequent to surgical operations of nerves or muscles.

This recording method also permits the determination of the problem of whether to carry out plastic surgery in cases of chronic paralysis in children or incurable damage to the peripheral nervous system. It has an advantage over the chronaximetric method of recording since new method, involving bio-currents, can distinguish the pathological aspects of various disorders of the nervous and muscular systems.

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**CHELZYABINSK INSTITUTE 5 YEARS OLD**

The Chelyabinsk Medical Institute celebrated its fifth anniversary by announcing that it had graduated a total of 1,150 young doctors. The majority of these doctors are operating in the southern Ural region.

**NEW FACILITIES IN Khabarovsk KRAY**

Midwife and hospital assistant's posts are being built at Palana and Penzhino Koryakskiy, Khabarovsk Kray.

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